

2. Description of the Related Art

Please AMEND the paragraph beginning at page 1, line 10, as follows:

This technology is capable of laying out the images in any positions on the sheet. Further, according to this technology, it is feasible to lay out the images in a way of being overlapped with each other, and to specify the target image to be location at the forward of other images or at the back of other image when overlapped. Further, a size of each of those images laid out on the sheet can be varied to an arbitrary value as the user specifies.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please AMEND the following claims:

1. (AS ONCE AMENDED) An image processing system comprising:
a display unit displaying, on a screen, a composite area as an aggregation of unit areas into which images are insertable; and
an operation unit inserting a processing target image into the unit area within the composite area.

10. (AS ONCE AMENDED) An image processing system comprising:
a plurality of unit storage areas ensured according to processing target images; and
a control unit controlling an access to each of the unit storage areas,
wherein said control unit stores the processing target unit images in said plurality of unit storage areas, accesses said unit storage areas in a predetermined sequence, and thereby generates a composite image from the unit images.

12. (AS ONCE AMENDED) A storage medium readable by a machine, tangible embodying a program of instructions executable by the machine to perform method steps comprising: